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1. EMBASSY MAY PRESENT FOLLOWING INTERIM RESPONSE TO GUS-TAFSSON ON STRAITS QUESTION:

A) WE HAVE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH REFERRING TO STRAITS LEADING TO A GULF FOR THE REASONS EXPLAINED BY OXMAN IN TEHRAN. SINCE WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF SUCH A CONCEPT, WE HOPE

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THAT IT WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH OTHERS.

B) WE ARE STILL STUDYING THE FINNISH PROBLEM AND ARE

DISCUSSING IT WITH OTHER MARITIME COUNTRIES. WE WILL BE
HAPPY TO MEET WITH FINNISH DELEGATION DURING FIRST WEEK OF
GENEVA SESSION TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES.

2. FYI. WE RECENTLY PRESENTED A DRAFT TO THE DANES IN COPEN-
HAGEN THAT MAY SOLVE DANISH AND FINNISH PROBLEMS, BUT WE
WISH TO RECEIVE DANISH RESPONSE BEFORE RAISING MATTER WITH
FINNS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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